

"I wouldn't let other boys get ahead of me in my studies.

"I wouldn't abuse little boys who had no big brothers for me to be afraid of.

"I would learn to be polite to everybody."

A School in Syria

Selected.

As we go into the schoolhouse, we see at the door a great pile of shoes. These shoes are of many kinds—bright red shoes, black shoes, yellow shoes, and wooden clogs made to raise the feet out of the mud and water. The people of Syria keep their floors very bright and clean; but they have no foot mats nor scrapers, and hence, when they enter a house they leave their shoes, dirt and all, at the door.

The schoolroom is the queerest place you can imagine. The boys sit on the floor in front of the teacher. Instead of nicely printed books like those which we have, each boy has a tablet of wood painted white, upon which the teacher writes the lesson with a piece of charcoal. When one lesson is learned it is washed off and a new one written. The boys hold their tablets in their hands and rock back and forth as they study. They learn their lessons aloud, and make so much noise while doing so that you would think they were screaming and fighting, instead of studying.

When school is dismissed for the day the boys rush toward the door. Each one is eager to find his shoes and be the first to reach the street. In the struggle the stronger boys usually have the best of it, and sometimes the teacher is obliged to come out with a stick and settle matters. The pile of shoes at the door is the cause of many quarrels and school boy fights. It often happens that boys wear off the wrong shoes; and then you may see Ali running with one shoe on his foot and one of Hassan's in his hand, shouting and screaming until he has found his own.

The Sin of Unselfishness

Exchange.

The mother who wears shabby gowns and home made bonnets, that her daughter may dress "like the other girls," does wrong. Her child has a right to her own share of self-denial in this direction, and in the less material sacrifices as well. The daughter should share the advantages of leisure, of music and travel. How much easier for the mother to relinquish all claim to these, rather than to take a portion of them! But unselfness is sinful when it makes a daughter self-absorbed, vain or thoughtless, it is quite possible to pay too high a price for culture or even education.

God says the peace of a man who loves him shall flow like a river; and if ours is not such it is because its springs are not in Mount Zion—because its sources are in the marshes and the lowlands and not in the crystal fountains of the hills—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

Sisters' S. C. E.

From the President

Since this week closes the school year, I shall take the last opportunity to write you from Ashland. I have, however, but little time left, as these are examination days. This morning (Monday) we were examined in Bible. Prof. Miller had prepared a very fair but full set of questions on prophecy. At such times we appreciate more than ever the value of time, and realize how precious the moments are. We are also made to feel more keenly the importance of doing our work with the greatest possible care. But in one respect is not every day an examination day? Is there not One who examines our every thought and deed in each moment of time? "Every day is doomsday," says Emerson. When once we learn to do all for the glory of God then we shall so live that the work of our hands shall bear the closest scrutiny.

The student who spends his time idly, who doesn't daily strive earnestly to prepare his lessons, will not be able by any amount of hurried preparation at the close of the term to pass a creditable examination; nor will he have that fund of knowledge or discipline of character so necessary in the day of trial. Just so it is with the Christian. If he does not try to live every day as the Lord's day, if he does not try to keep himself pure and sweet on every occasion, he will not be able in the end to show a creditable record or show himself the strong noble Christian character that he may become thru Jesus. Shall we not grow to feel His eye upon us every moment watching not for our mistakes and faults, but watching because of the love he has for us, and grieving only when he must see our failures. Oh that we may so walk in his will, that the Spirit of Christ may indwell us continually!

Today's mail brought me a letter from Sister Frame, one of the tireless workers in the South Bend S. S. C. E. She promises to write a paper for National Conference. This completes the S. S. C. E. program, which has just been sent to the executive committee for arrangement. I am glad Sister Frame mentioned the successful meeting of their society last Sunday night. The services were put in charge of the S. S. C. E. and they rendered a program helpful and entertaining. I want to ask Sister Frame to send the program, with a short letter, to be published in this department next week. There are other societies arranging to give a special program during this month, and to see what others have done will help them.

I trust the sisters may spend a profitable time together at the Ohio Conference. I shall not be there as my route lies in the opposite direction. I want to close up my books and go home, but for a while yet, I shall be traveling only in that direction.

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Our Young People

REFERENCE FOR SACRED THINGS

Exodus 8:1-6

Topic for June 16.

Reverence for sacred things is one of the first essentials of a good character. Actions follow thoughts as the clouds ride upon the wind and the young person who would be pure in life must first learn to reverence that which is pure. This lesson ought to be of great value. The scriptures on reverence ought to be memorized. Young people are apt to treat as of no value that which is sacred and important. Let us learn the sacredness of life and the value of virtue and the importance of religion with its symbols.

SCRIPTURE HELP

(It would be well if the scriptures given below could be repeated by all, or at least each repeated by several in concert.)

1 How does the true God differ from false gods? Ex. 15:11. "Who is like unto thee, O Lord among the gods. Who is like thee, glorious in holiness?"

2 What feeling should God's holiness inspire in us? Ps. 30:4. "Sing unto the Lord O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness."

3 What duty comes with the knowledge of God's holiness? Lev. 11:44. "For I am the Lord your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves and ye shall be holy; for I am holy."

4 How good are we to try to be? Matt. 5:48. "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

5 How are we to treat God's holy name? Matt. 6:9. "After this manner therefore pray ye: 'Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name'"

6 How may we show reverence before God? Hab. 2:20. "The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before him."

7 How may we show reverence in the house of God? Eccl. 5:1. "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God and be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools; for they consider not that they do evil."

8 Is it a great sin to be irreverent toward God? Mark 3:28. "Verily I say unto you, all sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men and blasphemies wherewithsoever they shall blaspheme; but he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness but is in danger of eternal damnation."

9 How may we have proper reverence before God? Ps. 24:34. "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place. He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully."

10 How are we to regard God's word? II Pet. 1:21. "For the prophecy came not in old time of the will of man but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

11 How did Jesus teach us to reverence the Lord's day? Matt. 12:11. "How much better is a man than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath days."

12 Are these bodies of ours holy? I Cor. 3:16, 17. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy. For the temple of God is holy which temple ye are."

13 What then are we to do with our bodies? Rom. 12:1. "I beseech you therefore brethren that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service."

14 Does the Christian profession deserve reverence? Eph. 4:1. "I therefore the prisoner of the Lord beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called."

15 Is conversation to be guarded as sacred? I